

- (a) whether Government proposes to register details of Indians in foreign countries to provide emergency help in case of any atrocities against them as of now in Australia against Indian students;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) to (c) All Indian Missions/Posts register Indians living within their consular jurisdiction upon an application made by them in the prescribed format.

Passports issued to Indian nationals carry an advisory requesting them to register their presence when outside India with the nearest Indian Diplomatic Mission/Post.

#### **Problems during Admission of NRI Children**

636. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether problems have been faced by NRIs in getting their children admission in Indian universities;
- (b) if so, whether assurances were given to NRIs that the procedure for admission of their children in Indian universities would be further streamlined; and
- (c) the number of NRI children who applied for admission in Indian universities and the numbers that were actually admitted during 2008?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) Such problems, if any, have not been brought to the notice of this Ministry.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No such data is maintained.

#### **Visa by Australia to Indian students**

†637. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI BALVANT ALIAS BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian students who have been issued visa by the Australian Government for pursuing their studies there;
- (b) the number of Indian students pursuing their studies in the Melbourne city of Australia;
- (c) whether these students have been made the target of racial attacks there; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) As per data released by the Australian Government, 58,029 Indian nationals were issued student visas during the period July 2008 to May, 2009.

(b) The exact number of students in Melbourne city is not available. However, as of June, 2008 there were 46,028 Indian students in Victoria state.

(c) and (d) A few cases of attacks may have had a racial aspect, details of which are given in the statement.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.